

# Impact of anti-tumor necrosis factor antibodies treatment on the semen quality of inflammatory bowel diseases patients

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To study the influence of anti-TNF therapy on the semen quality of IBD patients

<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Recruiting
<b>Health condition type</b>	Sexual function and fertility disorders
<b>Study type</b>	Observational invasive

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON33788

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

AntiTNF and semen quality in IBD patients

### Condition

- Sexual function and fertility disorders

### Synonym

fertility, reproduction

### Research involving

Human

### Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Ministerie van OC&W

## Intervention

**Keyword:** anti-tumor necrosis factor antibody, fertility, inflammatory bowel diseases, males

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

- changes from the baseline (prior the treatment) semen quality and quantity in the 3rd and 6th month of the antiTNF treatment

### Secondary outcome

not applicable

## Study description

### Background summary

Inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD) affect patients in the reproduction age. Therefore, the frequently encountered clinical problem concerns the impact of the disease and therapy on the IBD patients` fertility. Anti-tumor necrosis factor antibodies (antiTNF) represent a recently introduced therapeutics effective in IBD. Due to the increasing use of antiTNF in the young IBD patients` population with conception wish, it is important to study the impact of these agents on the fertility of IBD patients.

### Study objective

To study the influence of anti-TNF therapy on the semen quality of IBD patients

### Study design

Observational study without invasive interventions

### Study burden and risks

The treatment decision will be guided by standard health care considerations. The extra burden resulting from the participation in this study will include:

- donation of the sperm for semen analysis prior the treatment with antiTNF, in the 3rd and 6th month of the treatment and give blood for hormonal analysis.
- filling out the disease activity questionnaire at the inclusion and

subsequently every three months during the follow-up

- outpatient clinic visits every three months, in total 3 times
- venepuncture at every outpatient visit

## Contacts

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## Trial sites

### Listed location countries

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

Adults (18-64 years)  
Elderly (65 years and older)

### Inclusion criteria

- male IBD patients with an absolute indication and no contra-indication for anti-TNF medication
- age between 18 and 50 years
- informed consent

## Exclusion criteria

- severe disease activity - Crohn`s Disease Activity Index >300
- incapacity to understand the informed consent
- previously documented sub/infertility

## Study design

### Design

**Study type:** Observational invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Treatment

### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruiting

Start date (anticipated): 01-12-2009

Enrollment: 20

Type: Actual

### Medical products/devices used

Registration: No

Product type: Medicine

Brand name: Humira

Generic name: adalimumab

Registration: Yes - NL intended use

Product type: Medicine

Brand name: Remicade

Generic name: infliximab

Registration: Yes - NL intended use

## Ethics review

Approved WMO

Date: 27-05-2009

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam (Rotterdam)

Approved WMO

Date: 07-10-2009

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam (Rotterdam)

## Study registrations

### Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

### Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

No registrations found.

### In other registers

Register	ID
EudraCT	EUCTR2008-005619-16-NL
CCMO	NL24890.078.09